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SUBJECT: LA FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

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1. FONMIN CALLED ME IN AGAIN LATE TODAY FOLLOWING A TELEPHONIC REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR LOPEZ IN MEXICO CITY. FACIO IS QUITE UPSET BY WHAT HE CONSIDERS NEGATIVE ATTITUDES DEVELOPING AT PREPARATORY MEETING WHICH IF NOT REVERSED COULD UNDERMINE FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR MINISTERS MEETING ITSELF. HE IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED BY REPORTED DECISION TO PUT DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ADDED BY U.S. AT END OF AGENDA RATHER THAN BEGINNING. HE SAID THIS MORE PURPORTEDLY REFLECTED CONCERN IN SOME QUARTERS (I GATHERED THIS MIGHT INCLUDE PERU) THAT TO PUT THESE ITEMS FIRST WOULD ENABLE U.S. TO DEEMPHASIZE IF NOT SIDESTEP SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF LATIN PROPOSED ITEMS.

2. FACIO FLATLY CATEGORIZED THIS APPROACH AS A REFLECTION OF LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND SAID THAT
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IF THAT IS THE SPIRIT IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO HOLD

THE MEETING AT ALL. HE MADE IT CLEAR TO ME (AS HE SAID HE DID TO LOPEZ) THAT COSTA RICA OPPOSED THIS CHANGE IN THE AGENDA AND THAT HE (FACIO) WOULD WORK TO THAT END IN MEXICO CITY. HE THOUGHT THE U.S. MIGHT WANT TO USE ITS INFLUENCE IN THE SAME DIRECTION. FACIO SEEMED REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT A BROADER VIEW WOULD PREVAIL.

3. ACCORDING TO FACIO A FINAL DECISION ON THE OPENING LA SPEAKER HAS STILL NOT BEEN NAMED. HE THINKS VASQUEZ CARRIZOZA IS ALREADY IN MEXICO CITY LOBBYING FOR THE JOB, AND HE DOES NOT PLAN TO FIGHT FOR IT.

4. FACIO WILL LEAVE FOR MEXICO CITY EARLY TOMMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING ABOARD PANAMENIAN AIRCRAFT WITH FONMIN TACK AND OTHER CA FONMINS.
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